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SUBJECT: MAOIST ATTACKS IN BIHAR AND JHARKHAND KILL SEVEN

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[1](#)1. (U) On April 13 and 14 Maoists in India launched attacks in the states of Bihar and Jharkhand leaving at least seven dead. On April 13 Maoists attacked the busy Jhajha railway station, located 150 km southeast of Bihar's state capital Patna, killing six people including four railway security personnel. Bihar police told Post that over one hundred (some newspapers put the figure at two hundred) Maoists participated in the Jhajha attack. The Maoists appeared to be targeting the railway police armory located at Jhajha station, and media reports claimed that the Maoists escaped with close to 40 guns and over 1,800 rounds of ammunition.

[1](#)2. (U) On Monday April 14, in the neighboring state of Jharkhand police claim that five Maoists gunned down the brother of a government contractor who refused to pay the extortion money for the government contract he had obtained. The victim's brother had been given a government contract to build a small dam along the Jharkhand-West Bengal border.

[1](#)3. (U) Comment: The latest violence in Bihar fits the pattern of recent Maoist attacks, including one last year in the state in the town of Riga (reftel A), of targeting infrastructure and armory sites. The Indian Express newspaper carried an article in its April 15 edition claiming that police in Chhattisgarh had obtained a laptop during an anti-Maoist operation in January that detailed Maoist plans to attack railway infrastructure, highways, bridges, and dams in Chhattisgarh, Orissa, and Jharkhand, indicating that substantial operational planning has been in the works for some time.

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